

RESPONSE

I. Claims 69-101

The Communication dated April 09, 2004 indicates that the status of claims 69-101 was not included in the 'Amendments to the claims' section of Applicants' last response. These claims were canceled prior to the revisions to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c), and are listed as such in the present 'Amendments to the claims' section.

II. Status of the Claims

Prior to the fourth Action, claims 1-68 and 102-117 were pending and have been examined. Presently, claims 14, 15, 17, 18, 106 and 108 have been amended without prejudice. No claims have been canceled. Claims 118-132 have been added, which are unified with the examined claims and fully supported by the specification as filed.

Claims 1-68 and 102-132 are therefore in the case. According to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c), a copy of the pending claims is provided in the amendment section.

III. Response

The Communication indicates that only the 'Amendments to the claims' section of Applicants' last response need be re-submitted. Applicants therefore act accordingly. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the present claims and the recent response. All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and re-examination and reconsideration is respectfully requested on this basis.

IV. Conclusion

This is a complete response to the referenced Communication. In conclusion, Applicants submit that, in light of the claims already allowed and the remarks in the recent response, the present case is in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

Should Examiner Kaushal have any questions or comments, a telephone call to the undersigned Applicants' representative is earnestly solicited.

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